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2019 Achievement in Community Engagement (ACE) Awards Opportunity Announced Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2019

The Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) of the Department of Land Conservation and Development is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the 2019 Achievement in Community Engagement (ACE) awards to recognize excellence in community engagement.

Eligibility. Projects must have completed *at least* one phase of public outreach in the period January 2018-March 2019, which ideally has been assessed and evaluated. Individual community members, community organizations, and government entities are eligible for award consideration. Applications will be evaluated based on the size of the population served and the resources available to the organization or individual being considered for the award.

Application and Deadline. Competitive applications will demonstrate community engagement projects that:

- Have a rationale and are intentionally designed to engage the public;
- Are well thought out, identifying essential project stakeholders early on;
- Involve historically marginalized communities, as appropriate to the community;
- Exhibit innovative elements;
- Make creative use of available resources;
- Build partnerships to maximize success;
- Communicate clearly throughout the project;
- Provide feedback to participating citizens on how their input was incorporated; and
- Assess and evaluate methods to improve future public involvement processes

To be considered, applicants must use the one-page application, available at the agency website at <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/About/Pages/CIAC.aspx>. Supporting materials may be included in your application package, but you are encouraged to furnish links to such materials wherever feasible. The CIAC encourages electronically submitted applications to either staff contact attached to this press release. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2019. If you have questions, please contact department staff.

About the CIAC. The CIAC is a statewide committee authorized under ORS 197.160. The committee is charged with ensuring implementation of Goal 1 (Citizen Involvement) of Oregon's statewide planning goals. Since the adoption of Oregon's statewide land use planning program, the CIAC has been instrumental in providing guidance to the state's 242 cities and 36 counties on how best to involve their citizens in the development and adoption of comprehensive plans. Now that all Oregon jurisdictions have comprehensive plans in place, the CIAC mainly works to highlight best practices, and serves as a resource to local jurisdictions and DLCD staff.

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